



## Salmon-Safe COVID-19 Assessment Guidelines for Farm Certification

These guidelines shall be used during the 2020 growing season and beyond, as applicable, in areas subject to public health and mobility restrictions due to COVID-19. This is a temporary measure in response to restrictions preventing planned on-site assessments and reassessments during regular certification cycles.

NEW CERTIFICATIONS AND LAPSED CERTIFICATIONS	
Virtual Assessment	<p>Salmon-Safe assessments may, under certain circumstances and with assessor training, be conducted during the coronavirus pandemic on an entirely virtual basis, with growers, Salmon-Safe staff, and independent assessors working on Zoom or similar online conferencing platforms. These virtual assessments replace customary on-site assessments and include the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> grower reviews Salmon-Safe Farm Standards</li> <li> introductory call to review assessment process and address questions</li> <li> grower collects and submits most current pesticide application records, irrigation records, and other relevant documents to assessor for review</li> <li> assessor schedules and conducts assessment with grower</li> <li> assessor submits certification report to Salmon-Safe</li> <li> Salmon-Safe issues certification decision and letter for sign off</li> <li> Salmon-Safe formalizes certification upon receipt of signed certification letter, if applicable</li> </ul>
On-Site Assessment	<p>For sites ineligible for the virtual assessment process described above, growers may opt for a modified on-site assessment. Farm certification assessments during the coronavirus pandemic are conducted on site, based on a mutual agreement between Salmon-Safe and the grower. They are contingent on compliance with any travel restrictions or other directives issued by local, state, and federal government. On-site assessments include the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> grower reviews Salmon-Safe Farm Standards</li> <li> introductory call to review assessment process and address questions</li> <li> grower collects and submits most current pesticide application records, irrigation records, and other relevant documents to assessor for review</li> <li> assessor schedules and conducts assessment with grower</li> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salmon-Safe assessors may opt to schedule a phone session before and/or after the site visit to minimize the time required on site.</li> <li>• Participating growers and Salmon-Safe assessors shall adhere to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on <a href="#">How to Protect Yourself &amp; Others [from COVID-19]</a> during the assessment.</li> </ul> </li> <li> assessor submits certification report to Salmon-Safe</li> <li> Salmon-Safe issues certification decision and letter for sign off</li> <li> Salmon-Safe formalizes certification upon receipt of signed certification letter, if applicable</li> </ul>
RECERTIFICATIONS	
<p>For existing certified sites where it is not possible for an assessor to conduct an in-person audit, Salmon-Safe's emergency procedure allows for a 12-month extension of certification upon confirmation that certification is current and all conditions have been met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Growers seeking an extension should contact Salmon-Safe before their certification expires.</li> <li> A revised certificate bearing the new certification expiration date will be provided once approved.</li> </ul>	

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